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PROPOSED NEW LAWS

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

CHICAGO, Ill., December 24, 1900. On this, the eve of the opening of the state legislature, four rival senatorial camps are pitched in Chicago. At the Great Northern the following rival candidates for the toga have headquarters: Senator Shelby M. Cullom, Governor John R. Tanner and Representatives Hiram and George H. Cullom. The battle is being fought with great heat and considerable bitterness. As between Governor Tanner, whose term expires with this month, and Senator Cullom there is enmity which amounts almost to a feud.

This week, however, has brought considerable talk of a reconciliation or a compromise between the Cullom and Tanner factions in state politics. Such a compromise would be a relief to many who have the best interests of the party at heart. The battle has waged so long that the middle-of-the-road, peacefully-inclined politicians are mighty tired of it. The report is that Governor Tanner is to retire from the senatorial contest in return for the promise of the Cullom faction to support him for governor. This story emanates from a close friend of Governor Tanner, who has been in the senatorial tangle was submitted to Senator Cullom, who received it in silence and made no comment. The original promise to support him for governor either tonight or tomorrow morning.

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His nephew, Judge Miller of Steubenville, Ohio, will arrive here this afternoon, and his brother, William H. McDonald, is expected to reach the city from Denver either tonight or tomorrow morning.

LETTER BOX THIEVES.

They Were Carriers' Uniforms and Worked Without Molestation.

Postmaster Merritt has unearthed a violation of law which may be the means of locating the thieves who have broken into some of the city letter boxes during the past year. He discovered that many men were wearing carrier uniforms and carrying mail bags when they were seen to open the letter boxes.

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In the case of neither receiving a majority of votes, then the tie will be broken by the election of a shrewd man. Representative Hitt has played a shrewd game in the senatorial fight and has kept remarkably clear from "entangling alliances." He has been in the legislature since 1892, and has played his cards well, too, but Representative Hitt is better suited to become a compromise candidate.

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FAIR CHANCE OF RECOVERY

Samuel McDonald is slowly but steadily improving.

The Gauge Filling Removed From His Wound This Morning With Out Difficulty.

Samuel McDonald, the slayer of Auditor Frank L. Morris, is slowly but steadily improving at the Emergency Hospital from the effects of his self-inflicted wounds, and while his condition cannot be regarded as otherwise than precarious the chances for his recovery are not as remote as they were at first believed to be. Dr. Vaughn, assisted by Dr. Moulton, the resident physician at the hospital, this morning removed about a yard of the gauze filling which had been placed in the wounds Saturday. There was little or no hemorrhage.

No Apprehension Felt.

Despite reports to the contrary, the physicians did not apprehend any further danger to Mr. McDonald's life from the removal of the gauze, and he was given no anesthetic. Their confidence was rapid by the entirely docile manner in which the patient bore himself. The physicians are struck by the tremendous courage of the man, who, with great pain and considerable bitterness, as between Governor Tanner, whose term expires with this month, and Senator Cullom there is enmity which amounts almost to a feud.

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PEACE COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Prince Ching Exchanges Credentials for the Powers.

A telegram received at the State Department from United States Minister Conger, dated at Peking on the 24th instant, states that the first formal meeting between the diplomatic representatives and Prince Ching took place on that date. Ching presented the credentials of himself and Li Hung Chang, who was unable to attend owing to illness, to the diplomatic representatives, who handed to him the instructions of the United States Department. The Chinese government is unwilling to venture a guess as to the length of time that will be consumed by the Chinese government in consideration of the note.

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OUR PRODUCTS WELCOMED.

German Estimation of American Goods. Frederick Nachod, United States consul at Leipzig, has submitted to the State Department two interesting articles which appeared recently in a prominent newspaper of that city. The first indicates that the Germans are well satisfied with the present export trade to the United States and with the prospects for the future.

In the second, American manufacturers and exporters are discussed. The writer praises the American manufacturer highly, both as to his methods and his relations with the American workman. He compares them with the German manufacturer and workman, and, although he does not deny the superiority of the American manufacturer, he nevertheless warns his countrymen to be on the qui vive, and recommends that they import the American manufacturer's products.

First American Ship for Turkey.

Warships have been built in America for the Russian and Japanese navies, but the present is the first instance in which the Turkish government has contracted for a warship to be built in an American yard. This action is highly complimentary to American shipbuilders. The success of American shipbuilders in the Turkish market is a great triumph for them. The Turkish government has contracted for a warship to be built in an American yard.

COMPLETE TIE-UP AT SCRANTON.

Striking Street Cars Can Control the Situation.

SCRANTON, Pa., December 28.—The fourth day of the strike of the motormen and conductors of the Scranton Railway Company shows the tie-up to be just as complete as on the first day. There is not a car in operation carrying passengers, and only those trips were made to suburban places where it was necessary to deliver milk. These cars were handled by the "company" men.

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RODGERS RESPONSIBLE

JURY OF INQUEST SAYS HE KILLED FRANK HOOKS.

Defendant Committed to Jail to Await the Action of Grand Jury.

Coroner Nevitt held an inquest this morning at the sixth precinct station in the case of Frank Hooks, colored, who was stabbed to death in South Washington early Monday evening. It is alleged, by Ernest Rodgers, also colored, as published in yesterday's Star. The prisoner was present at the inquest with his counsel, Attorney Colyer. The jury heard the evidence and returned a verdict holding Rodgers responsible for the death of Hooks. He was thereupon committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

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